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The Honorable Donald W. Riegler, Jr.
United States Senator
101 Hollister Building
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Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Riegler:

Further reference is made to your letter dated October 6, 1980, with enclosures, on behalf of your constituent, Staff Sergeant Anne M. Fisher, United States Army Reserve, 308 Van Buren, Apt. 1A, Jackson, Michigan 49201, in which you request reconsideration of our Claims Division's March 20, 1980 denial of Sergeant Fisher's claim for reimbursement of the costs of medical care she obtained from civilian sources in 1978 and 1979 while she was serving on active military duty.

In view of the facts presented and the applicable provisions of law and regulation, the action of our Claims Division must be sustained. However, we also concluded that Sergeant Fisher's case involved equitable circumstances of an unusual nature, and we have therefore today reported the matter to the Congress pursuant to the Meritorious Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. 236, with a recommendation that legislation for the relief of Sergeant Fisher be enacted. For your further information in that regard, we are enclosing copies of our report to the Congress and our transmittal letter to the President of the Senate.

We trust this will serve the purpose of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Milton J. Rowan

Acting Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

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